

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

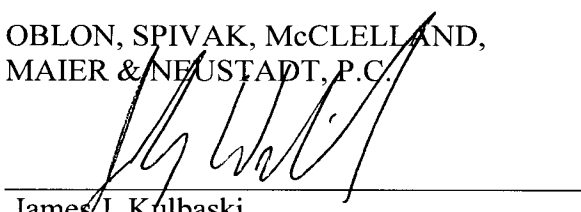
Claims 18-29, and 52-63 are pending in this application, Claims 1-17 and 30-51 having been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants' respectfully submit that no new matter is added.

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed December 5, 2007, some of the previously withdrawn claims are canceled. However, some of the withdrawn claims depend from allowed claims. Applicants respectfully request that withdrawn Claims 19-23 (dependent on allowed Claim 18), Claims 27-29 (dependent on allowed Claims 24-26), and Claims 53-56 (dependent on allowed Claim 52) be rejoined and allowed along with the independent claims from which they depend.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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